

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL—FEE VERSION

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the

☐ patent application of  
☐ continuation application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

☒ divisional application of 10/071,842  
☐ prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Robert Charles Downs et al.**

For: **MULTI-SAMPLE FERMENTOR AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

☒ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: 10/071,842, filed February 8, 2002, and 09/780,591, filed February 8, 2001, now U.S. Pat. 6,635,441, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.

☒ Please amend this application in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment.

Enclosed are:

☒ 42 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)

☒ 17 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s)

☒ 1 abstract

☒ 85 number of claims

☒ an assignment of the invention to **IRM, LLC**

☒ a ☒ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration

☒ a Power of Attorney

☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application

☒ cover sheet

☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97

☒ Application data entry sheet

☒ Preliminary amendment: Prior to calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims 1-41 and 80-85, without prejudice to subsequent renewal. Accordingly, with entry of this amendment claims 42-79 are pending in this application.

☐ a petition to extend time to respond in the parent application  
☐ notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application  
☒ Patent Application Filing Acknowledgement postcard  
☒ 1 extra copy of this sheet is enclosed  
☐ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  
( ) is enclosed  
( ) was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired  
☐ Small Entity Status is Claimed

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| BASIC FEE   |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 38- 20    | = 18      |
| INDEP. CLAIMS   | 2- 3      | = *0      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED |           |           |

SMALL ENTITY

| RATE         | FEE      |
|--------------|----------|
|              | \$385.00 |
| x \$ 9.00 =  |          |
| x \$43.00 =  |          |
| + \$145.00 = |          |
| TOTAL        |          |

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OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY

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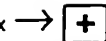
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